

Last Week's Proceedings (27th July, 2005)

It was a great honour to our Club that the DG selected our Club to have his first official visit. DG Peter Wan, DS Albert Tsui, AG Hubert Chan and DAG Eddie Leung met with President Eddy, Hon Secretary Andy, Hon Treasurer Laurence, and Directors Stephen, Henry, Tim before the luncheon meeting and went through the year plan prepared by President Eddy. DG Peter commended President Eddy that he had rightly placed the emphasis on membership development and entrusted this important task in the capable hands of PP Tim. DG Peter also commended the Club for hosting the Intercity meeting successfully and he would like to seek further support from us in the coming year.

President Eddy opened the meeting with a formal welcome to DG Peter and the District Team. Uncle Peter introduced his guest (son-inlaw) Mr Norman Lee, PP Hubert introduced his guest Mr Charles Lam, and Director Jason introduced his guest (member-to-be) Mr Raymond Choi.

PP George Leung announced that almost all the donations for the Hubei project had been collected. The project is to support 150 girls from poor families for their entire primary education. PP George was planning a visit to the Hubei around 20 August, the trip would go via Beijing so members can bring their families and combine a holiday in the capital city too.

Rtn Kishu announced that his negotiation with Excelsior went quite well. Excelsior had agreed to keep the minimum of 15 but the menu price would increase from \$240 to \$260 from 21 August.

Uncle Peter was the Sergeant and he received a handsome contribution of \$500 from DG Peter. The total collection was \$1,300.

President Eddy was excited to perform the pleasant duty of inducting a new member. SAA Uncle Peter escorted Mr Raymond Choi and his proposer Director Jason to the rostrum for the induction. Director Jason introduced Mr Raymond Choi, who is an IT professional and is also a good golfer. Rotarian Raymond Choi was given the classification of "Computer Hardware - Marketing & Sales" and he chose "Ray" to be his Rotary name. Rtn Ray was honoured with a presentation of the Rotary Pin by the DG.

The DG then took the floor and addressed members. The purpose of his official visit is to understand the issues facing the clubs and see what the District should do to help. He reminded us the Rotary theme for this year "Service Above Self" and asked us to Continue with the good work and Co-operate with other partners and clubs in service projects that would benefit the community. He was encouraged seeing many clubs are taking actions in membership drive and about 15 members had been inducted since 1 July in the District. He is confident that most clubs would meet the target of having one net growth in membership this year. He also asked us and other clubs as well to work on projecting the image of Rotary, building on the good work we had done in previous years and making known to the public what we had contributed to the community. He was hoping for at least one major project at District level to project the Rotary image. A project in addressing the social needs of children from low income families started already and clubs are encouraged to build on this to draw the attention of the public. The District was also considering bidding for hosting the RI Convention in 2013 and if successful it would help promote Rotary awareness in our community. DG had put communication high on his priority and he was working on means to keep Rotarians in District informed as well as means to obtain views on the work of the District. He asked us to take note that the District Conference would be held from 22 to 23 April 2006 at the Airport Regal Hotel and he was targeting at a much bigger participation than last year. The DG thanked PDG Peter, AG Hubert and DAG Eddie for serving at the District level and President Eddy and members of our Club for the support given to him.

President Eddy announced that next week the speaker is Mr Warren Mok and he would talk about opera in Hong Kong. He closed the meeting with a toast to RI coupled with Tolo Harbour.

Rotary Information

First Female Foundation Trustee

It is the first time since nine decades ago in Rotary history, a female trustee has been created to The Rotary Foundation trustees Board this year by RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. She is Carolyn Jones.

"I have often dreamed about being a trustee but I never dreamed it would come true," says Carolyn Jones, Rotary Foundation Trustee. But sometimes. dreams do come true as the v did last vear when 2005-06 RIPresident Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar appointed Jones. along with

Peter Bundgaard and Jonathan B. Majiyabe, to serve on The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees, beginning 1st July 2005. As anyone who knows Jones can tell you, however, wishing had little to do with her receiving the appointment.

A member of the Rotary Club of Anchorage East, Alaska, USA, since 1987. Jones has served RI as district governor, RI training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, task force members and vice chair, and committee member. She is also a two-time Council on Legislation representative. Before retiring in 1998, Jones spent 23 years as assistant attorney general for the State of Alaska Attorney General's Office and seven years as its supervising attorney. Her appointment as trustee marks the first time a woman has been named to this position since The Rotary Foundation was formed 88 years ago.

No stranger to what can be accomplished through the Foundation, Jones raised more than US\$620,000 to fund 30 humanitarian projects for needy children in Russia during her year as governor of District 5010 (Yukon Territory, Canada; Eastern Russia, Alaska, USA) The plight of these youngster, many of them orphans, came to her attention during a 1997 visit to the pediatric cancer ward of a neglected hospital in the Siberian city of Tomsk.

As a trustee, Jones will be able to help other Rotarians fulfill their dreams of improving the lives of those in need through the many programs of the Foundation. "I know some people would like to be RI presidents and some people would like to be RI directors, but really the job I thought was the best was to be a trustee," she explains. "It is the heartbeat of Rotary; it is what we are all about."

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LAUGHS FOR THE WEEK

A man getting along in years finds that he is unable to perform sexually.

He finally goes to his doctor who tries a few things; but nothing seems to work. So the doctor refers him to an American Indian medicine man.

The medicine man says, "I can cure this." With that said, he throws a white powder in a flame, and there is a flash with billowing blue smoke. Then he says, "This is powerful healing but you can only use it once a year. All you have to do is say '123,' and it shall rise for as long as you wish!"

The guy then asks, "What happens when it's over, and I don't want to continue?"

The medicine man replies: "All you or your partner has to say is 1234, and it will go down. But be warned: It will not work again for another year."

The old gent rushes home, anxious to try out his new powers and prowess.

That night he is ready to surprise his wife. He showers, shaves, and puts on his most exotic shaving lotion and cologne. After he gets into bed and is lying next to her, he says, "123;" and suddenly he has the most gigantic stiffie ever, just as the medicine man had promised.

His wife, who had been facing away from him, turns over and asks, "What did you say '123' for?

Photographs of our meeting

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DG Peter Wan giving his talk on Rotary to our club members.





(L to R) PDG Uncle Peter, DG Peter Wan, and Pres. Eddy.

(L to R) Hon Sec Andy, DS. Albert Tsui (Tolo Harbour). and ADG Eddie Leung (HK Harbour)



Dir. Jason introducing his new member Mr. Raymond Choi.



Pres. Eddy reading the new member his Rotary information.





DG Peter Wan pinning the new member of our club.

Pres. Eddy welcoming the newest member of our club.



A happy new member has chosen the name of Ray, giving his thanks for the welcome.



(L to R) DS Hubert, guest, new candidate Raymond Choi, Dir Jason and PP George.



 $(L \mbox{ to } R)$ Dirs Stephen, Tim, Henry and guest Mr Norman Lee.



(L to R) Hon Tres. Laurence and PP JL sitting in isolation?? Maybe they are in secret conference.



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